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Dear EMS Administrator,

We are pleased to notify you of a one-time grant program funded by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare via cooperative agreement funds awarded by the Hospital Preparedness Program of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response. This Interoperability Grant Program is administered by the EMS Bureau and is designed to assist local EMS agencies in obtaining P-25 compliant two-way radio communication equipment.

The Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee (EMSAC) Grant Subcommittee has approved and fully supports the grant program. Only agencies in counties with a County/Tribal Interoperability Emergency Communication Plan approved by the State Interoperability Executive Council (SIEC) by May 30, 2008 (5/30/08) and non-profit and governmental EMS agencies licensed in Idaho may apply.

The EMS Bureau recommends that your EMS agency collaborate with other EMS agencies within your county, as well as the county emergency manager to determine actual P-25 compliance status and equipment needs.

If your EMS agency declines to participate in the grant program, you may yield authority to your county emergency manager to apply for equipment on behalf of your agency. Please sign the enclosed *Declination and Yielding of Authority for Application* letter and return it to the EMS Bureau no later than May 30, 2008 (5/30/08).

This grant program makes 100% funding available for the following assets: vehicle mounted radios, portable/handheld radios, base stations, repeaters, and associated paraphernalia such as antennas, software, and FCC licenses. Installation or maintenance fees are not included in this grant program. Applications will be scored for each of the four types of equipment.

Please review the enclosed *Federal Guidance Criteria*, application, and associated documents to assist you in the application process.

We thank you for participating in this grant program and for your commitment to meet the goal of your county interoperability plan.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Thrasher
Program Specialist

Note: Applications MUST be completed and returned to the EMS Bureau no later than May 30, 2008.

Enclosures: Federal Guidance Criteria
Application
NIMS Status form
cc: County Emergency Manager

Scoring criteria
Instructions
Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification (W-9)

FAQ
Timeline
Agency Declination Letter